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AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: CENTER TAKES CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO DICTATORSHIP IMPLICATIONS

REF: HK 0671

1. THE CENTER HAS APPARENTLY ISSUED ITS FIRST CALL FOR CAUTION IN THE CAMPAIGN TO RESTRICT BOURGEOIS RIGHTS, A LIKELY INDICATION THAT SOME PROBLEMS HAVE CROPPED UP. HUNAN, KWANGTUNG, AND SZECHUAN RADIO BROADCASTS OF MARCH 12, 14 AND 15 ALERTED CADRES TO FOLLOW GUIDELINES CAREFULLY AND WARNED AGAINST RASH TAMPERING WITH EXISTING PRACTICES. SZECHUAN STATES THE WARNING MOST SUCCINCTLY: "WE MUST ADOPT A CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE RURAL ECONOMIC POLICIES. THEY MAY NOT BE CHANGED ARBITRARILY, WITHOUT PERMISSION."

2. KWANGTUNG ISSUED THE CAUTION WITHOUT LIMITING IT TO RURAL POLICIES, PERHAPS REFLECTING WIDER CONCERNS WITH SUCH URBAN PROBLEMS AS THE EX-SERVICEMEN'S WAGE DEMANDS AND DISSATISFACTION AMONG THE YOUTH (REFTEL). KWANGTUNG ADMONISHED
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CADRES NOT TO THINK THEY CAN SOLVE PROBLEMS SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF

PAST EXPERIENCE AND FIRMLY DEMANDED THEY READ THE DIRECTIONS BEFORE ACTING. HUNAN WAS THE MOST VEILED, TELLING CADRES SIMPLY TO GET THE POLICY STRAIGHT AND TO ACT "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRITERIA SET BY THE POLICIES."

3. COMMENT: PEKING DOUBTLESS WANTS TO AVOID LOCAL CADRES STIRRING THINGS UP IN A WAY THAT WILL COMPLICATE CURRENT EFFORTS AT STABILITY AND UNITY (HK 2606), OR HURT THE DRIVE TO INCREASE PRODUCTION. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AT THIS POINT ON PARTICULAR PROBLEMS OCCURRING IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DICTATORSHIP CAMPAIGN, AND WE CANNOT JUDGE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE REGIME MAY BE ANTICIPATING TROUBLE BEFORE IT BECOMES SERIOUS.
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